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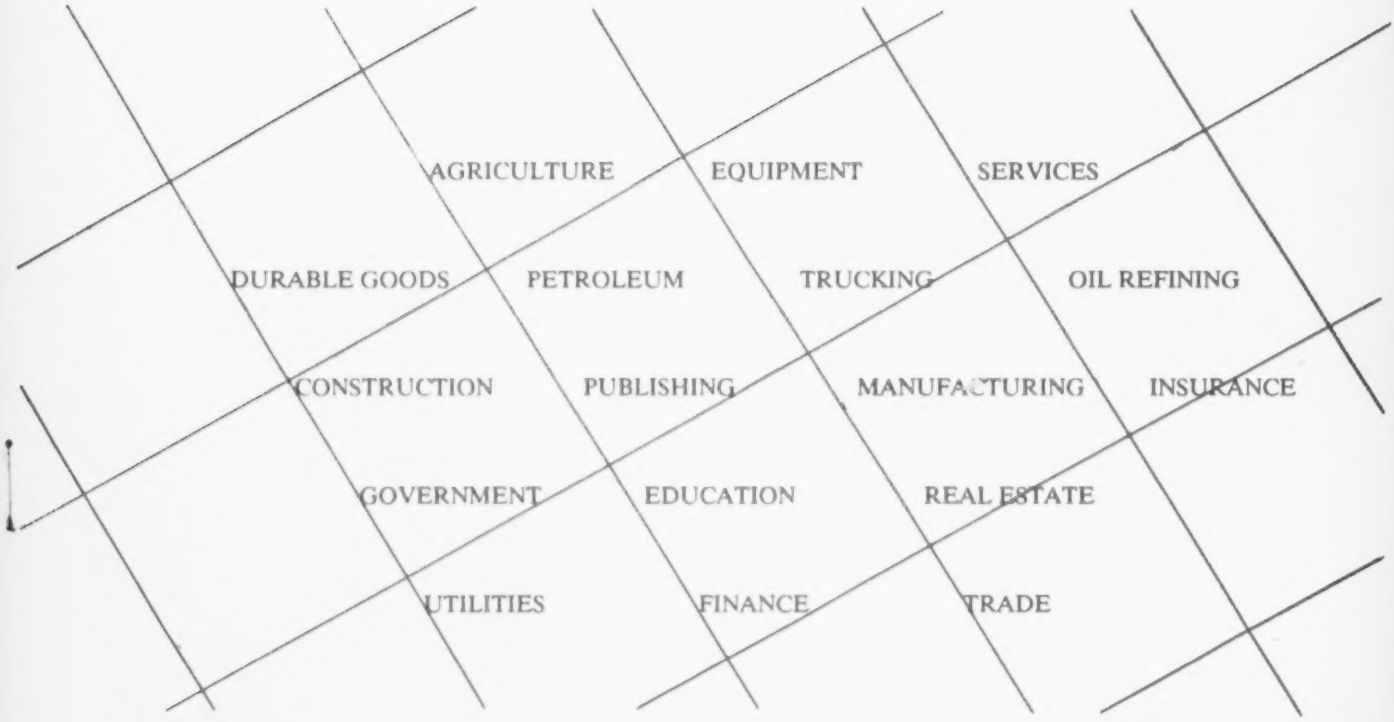

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JOBLESSNESS DECLINES IN NOVEMBER

The total unemployment level in Oklahoma declined 4,100 in November, according to the latest household series survey estimate. This represents a 4.3 percent drop from the revised October figures and increased the overall decline from a year ago to 6.4 percent

At 6.1 percent, the unemployment rate in November was slightly improved over the month and also lower than the rate posted in the same month of last year.

Continuing the trend of prior years, total employment rose 7,800 during the current estimation period. This raised employment to the 1,420,800 level and reduced the net decline since last November to 25,200.

PAYROLL JOBS DOWN MONTHLY AND YEARLY

Total nonfarm wage and salary employment totaled 1,107,100 in November, 3,700 less than October. The decline was mostly seasonal in nature as five of the eight major industry divisions contributed to the drop.

The largest decline was in government, where the 3,000 fewer jobs were the result of early adjustments in the educational divisions of local government. Completed projects and wet weather were the prime factors in a 1,000 reduced job level in the construction industry. Employment fell by 300-500 in service, mining, and finance-insurance-real estate.

Trade employment grew by 800, boosted by increased hiring in the retail sector and manufacturing rose by 700, nearly all in the nondurable components.

The November wage and salary employment was down 1,600 from the same month in 1987, despite moderate job gains in service and manufacturing. The majority of the 6,500 growth in service was in companies engaged in business and health service activities. The rise in manufacturing (4,800) was spread across a broad based spectrum of specialized industries.

Job declines were registered in the remaining six industries, ranging from an 800 loss in transportation-public utilities up to a 3,800 drop in the beleaguered mining industry.

PRODUCTION WORKERS HOLD WAGE GAINS

In November, the 115,100 manufacturing production workers statewide earned an average weekly paycheck of $444.88. This was $4.98 higher than October and $18.71 more than they made during the comparable week in November of last year.

Hourly wage rates moved ahead 12 cents and are now 50 cents higher than last November's rate. The length of the workweek remained static over the month and only slightly lower over the year.

Both durable and nondurable workers shared in the monthly wage gains and while nearly all components of durables advanced, some minor slippage occurred in a few industries which make up the nondurable sector.

Among the published nonmanufacturing industries, two had small upturns and the other three slipped slightly.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IMPROVE AGAIN

For all four of the Metropolitan Statistical Areas, as well as 47 individual counties, the jobless rate continued to show improvement in November over the revised rates for October. Twenty-six counties were estimated to have risen slightly, while the remainder were unchanged.

At the low end of the spectrum, Alfalfa and Woods had 2.6 percent jobless rates and Hughes was high at 13.5 percent. Including Hughes, only three counties now have rates of 10.0 percent or higher.

The improvement in joblessness over the year mirrors the monthly change, as 42 counties are lower, 31 are up slightly, and 4 are the same.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - NOVEMBER 1988

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
(1982-84 = 100)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	INDEX	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	PERCENT CHANGE NOVEMBER, 1988 MONTH AGO	PERCENT CHANGE NOVEMBER, 1987 YEAR AGO
ALL ITEMS	120.3	100.000	0.1	4.2
FOOD & BEVERAGE	120.2	17.607	-0.1	5.2
HOUSING	119.9	42.479	0.0	3.8
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	119.9	6.335	-0.7	3.9
TRANSPORTATION	110.7	17.451	0.6	2.7
MEDICAL CARE	141.8	5.828	0.4	6.8
ENTERTAINMENT	122.2	4.368	0.3	4.2
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES (PERSONAL CARE)	141.0	5.931	0.3	7.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	5.2%
OKLAHOMA	6.1%
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	5.0%
TULSA MSA	6.5%
LAWTON MSA	5.5%
ENID MSA	4.9%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS
IN MANUFACTURING
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	41.5
OKLAHOMA	41.5
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	43.6
TULSA MSA	42.4

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	PRODUCTION WORKERS	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV 1988p	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.1	444.88	439.90	426.17	41.5	41.5	41.7	10.72	10.60	10.22
Durable Goods	73.5	484.93	480.68	452.86	42.5	42.5	41.7	11.41	11.31	10.86
Stone,Clay & Glass	8.5	481.25	480.05	475.20	43.2	42.9	44.0	11.14	11.19	10.80
Primary Metal Ind.	3.5	461.65	441.07	470.24	43.8	43.2	44.7	10.54	10.21	10.52
Fab.Metal Products	11.4	404.61	414.37	384.08	43.6	44.7	42.3	9.28	9.27	9.08
Fab.Struct.Metals	4.9	414.21	394.68	377.14	44.3	42.9	43.2	9.35	9.20	8.73
Mach.Except Elect.	21.8	462.68	453.10	452.28	41.2	40.6	41.8	11.23	11.16	10.82
Oil Field Machinery	4.0	383.67	389.61	457.60	38.1	39.0	44.6	10.07	9.99	10.26
Elec.& Elec. Equip.	6.0	465.98	444.22	426.06	42.4	41.4	40.5	10.99	10.73	10.52
Transport. Equip.	15.6	640.93	641.45	530.19	42.9	43.4	38.7	14.94	14.78	13.70
Instr./Related Prod.	2.0	474.75	482.21	513.23	45.0	46.5	46.7	10.55	10.37	10.99
Non-Durable Goods	41.6	374.92	368.95	378.64	39.8	39.8	41.7	9.42	9.27	9.08
Food & Kindred Prod	8.5	338.66	338.24	336.69	41.2	41.4	43.0	8.22	8.17	7.83
Apparel & Other Text.	8.1	195.52	197.32	196.21	37.6	37.8	38.7	5.20	5.22	5.07
Paper & Allied Prod	2.8	469.36	401.19	438.61	43.1	38.8	41.3	10.89	10.34	10.62
Printing & Publish.	5.4	371.22	387.99	406.27	39.2	40.5	42.1	9.47	9.58	9.65
Newspapers & Period.	1.8	316.66	320.38	371.60	35.5	34.9	40.0	8.92	9.18	9.29
Petroleum Refining	4.0	570.84	547.54	555.10	36.9	37.4	42.7	15.47	14.64	13.00
Non-Manufacturing										
Oil & Gas Extract.	17.9	488.17	484.92	477.39	41.3	41.2	42.7	11.82	11.77	11.18
Construction	24.2	431.24	442.26	439.70	39.6	40.5	39.4	10.89	10.92	11.16
Public Utilities	21.8	526.22	525.82	525.92	40.2	40.2	40.3	13.09	13.08	13.05
Wholesale Trade	44.7	367.60	372.53	385.70	39.4	39.8	39.6	9.33	9.36	9.74
*Retail Trade	120.8	186.66	191.58	186.05	30.7	31.0	30.5	6.08	6.18	6.10

**Excludes eating and drinking establishments.*

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
SUMMARY TABLE

(*By Place of Residence)

ITEM	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,512.4	1,508.7	1,544.0	0.2	3.7	-31.6
Unemployment	91.6	95.7	98.0	-4.3	-4.1	-6.4
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.3	6.3	XX.X	XX.X	XX.X
Total Employment	1,420.8	1,413.0	1,446.0	0.6	7.8	-25.2
Domestic Service-						
Self-Employed-						
Unpaid Family Workers	135.9	136.3	132.7	-0.3	-0.4	3.2
Idled by Labor Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3

**Labor force data refers to place of residence, as required by the U. S Department of Labor. As a result, these estimates remove the effect of multiple jobholders and nonresident commuters included in wage and salary employment on a place-of-work basis. Workers idled by labor disputes are counted in total employment.*

p = preliminary
r = revised

NON-AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(By place of Work)

INDUSTRY	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
Total Wage & Salary Workers	1,107.1	1,110.8	1,108.7	-0.3	-3.7	-1.6
Manufacturing	159.6	158.9	154.8	0.4	0.7	4.8
Durable Goods	98.6	98.5	95.3	0.1	0.1	3.3
Lumber & Wood Prod.	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	10.3	10.2	10.1	1.0	0.1	0.2
Primary Metal Industries	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Fabricated Metal Prod.	15.0	15.0	14.4	0.0	0.0	0.6
Fab.Struct.Metal Prod.	6.8	6.9	6.6	-1.4	-0.1	0.2
Machinery Exc.Electrical	31.1	31.1	29.6	0.0	0.0	1.5
Constr. & Related Mach.	10.0	10.2	9.3	-2.0	-0.2	0.7
Oil Field Machinery	6.4	6.4	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.5
Gen.Industrial Mach.	5.2	5.1	4.7	2.0	0.1	0.5
Elect.& Electronic Equip	8.9	8.8	8.8	1.1	0.1	0.1
Transportation Equip.	19.4	19.4	19.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Motor Vehicle & Equip.	10.9	10.9	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Aircraft & Parts	7.8	7.8	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.3
Instruments & Rel.Prod.	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.1
Non-Durable Goods	61.0	60.4	59.5	1.0	0.6	1.5
Food & Kindred Prod.	14.1	14.0	14.1	0.7	0.1	0.0
Apparel & Textile Prod.	9.0	9.0	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.2
Paper & Allied Prod.	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.2
Printing & Publishing	10.9	10.8	11.0	0.9	0.1	-0.1
Newspapers & Period.	5.5	5.5	5.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	7.6	7.2	7.3	5.6	0.4	0.3
Petroleum Refining	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.2	0.4	0.3
Rubber/Misc.Plast.Prod.	11.4	11.3	10.6	0.9	0.1	0.8
Tires & Inner Tubes	6.3	6.2	5.7	1.6	0.1	0.6
Non-Manufacturing	947.5	951.9	953.9	-0.5	-4.4	-6.4
Mining	42.7	43.1	46.5	-0.9	-0.4	-3.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	40.3	40.7	43.8	-1.0	-0.4	-3.5
Construction	30.8	31.8	33.3	-3.1	-1.0	-2.5
HV Const.Contractors	7.3	7.4	7.8	-1.4	-0.1	-0.5
Transp.& Pub. Utilities	61.2	61.2	62.0	0.0	0.0	-0.8
Transportation	33.7	33.7	33.8	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	15.8	16.0	16.1	-1.2	-0.2	-0.3
Pipe Lines,exc.Nat.Gas	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Comm.&Elec/Gas/San Service	27.5	27.5	28.2	0.0	0.0	-0.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	267.7	266.9	270.4	0.3	0.8	-2.7
Wholesale Trade	58.0	58.2	59.5	-0.3	-0.2	-1.5
Retail Trade	209.7	208.7	210.9	0.5	1.0	-1.2
Gen.Merchandise Stores	28.9	28.1	31.2	2.8	0.8	-2.3
Department Stores	11.4	11.2	12.7	1.8	0.2	-1.3
Food Stores	38.3	38.5	35.5	-0.5	-0.2	2.8
Auto.Dlrs/Ser.Station	24.3	24.8	24.9	-2.0	-0.5	-0.6
Apparel & Acces.Stores	13.2	12.3	13.2	7.3	0.9	0.0
Fin,Insur.& Real Estate	56.2	56.5	57.9	-0.5	-0.3	-1.7
Banking	18.0	18.1	18.7	-0.6	-0.1	-0.7
Credit Agenc.OT Banks	9.6	9.5	9.4	1.1	0.1	0.2
Insurance Carriers	8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	238.8	239.3	232.3	-0.2	-0.5	6.5
Hotels & Lodging Places	12.8	12.7	11.9	0.8	0.1	0.9
Personal Services	12.4	12.6	13.0	-1.6	-0.2	-0.6
Motion Pictures	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Health Services	76.4	76.2	74.4	0.3	0.2	2.0
Hospitals	29.6	29.3	29.3	1.0	0.3	0.3
Educational Services	12.1	12.2	12.0	-0.8	-0.1	0.1
Government, Total	250.1	253.1	251.5	-1.2	-3.0	-1.4
Federal Government	49.9	49.8	51.7	0.2	0.1	-1.8
State and Local Government	200.2	203.3	199.8	-1.5	-3.1	0.4
*State Government	74.1	72.9	71.2	1.6	1.2	2.9
Local Government	126.1	130.4	128.6	-3.3	-4.3	-2.5

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** Employment levels for State Government as measured by full-time equivalent (FTE) are as follows; NOV, 1988 = 59,708. A FTE is based on a 40-hour work week and an average 173 hour work month. The FTE count is determined by dividing total person-hours worked per month by 173.*

NOVEMBER 1988

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE DATA

METROPOLITAN AREAS AND COUNTIES

	AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	NOV 88	OCT 88	NOV 87
	U. S.	116,314,000	6,325,000	122,639,000	5.2	5.0	5.6
	OKLAHOMA	1,420,800	91,600	1,512,400	6.1	6.3	6.3
	COUNTIES						
1	ADAIR	7,960	460	8,420	5.5	5.6	5.9
2	ALFALFA	3,330	90	3,420	2.6	4.2	4.8
3	ATOKA	7,810	410	8,220	5.0	5.8	6.5
4	BEAVER	2,900	120	3,020	4.0	4.4	3.6
5	BECKHAM	7,130	580	7,710	7.5	8.6	7.0
6	BLAINE	5,910	300	6,210	4.8	5.0	5.6
7	BRYAN	13,500	770	14,270	5.4	6.0	5.9
8	CADDO	11,480	1,010	12,490	8.1	8.6	9.2
9	CANADIAN	33,325	1,775	35,100	5.1	5.0	5.6
10	CARTER	18,900	1,550	20,450	7.6	7.2	6.9
11	CHEROKEE	14,650	1,120	15,770	7.1	8.2	7.6
12	CHOCTAW	4,780	490	5,270	9.3	9.4	12.2
13	CIMARRON	1,650	90	1,740	5.2	4.8	3.6
14	CLEVELAND	79,275	4,025	83,300	4.8	5.3	4.9
15	COAL	2,340	260	2,600	10.0	10.8	12.5
16	COMANCHE	45,750	2,650	48,400	5.5	5.9	4.7
17	COTTON	3,050	120	3,170	3.8	3.8	4.7
18	CRAIG	6,350	380	6,730	5.6	6.0	6.4
19	CREEK	26,000	1,900	27,900	6.8	7.9	8.1
20	CUSTER	13,320	690	14,010	4.9	4.8	4.4
21	DELAWARE	11,100	730	11,830	6.2	6.2	6.4
22	DEWEY	2,280	140	2,420	5.8	5.5	5.0
23	ELLIS	3,060	120	3,180	3.8	3.2	4.1
24	GARFIELD	27,375	1,400	28,775	4.9	5.3	5.8
25	GARVIN	11,670	860	12,530	6.9	7.5	6.2
26	GRADY	16,380	1,680	18,060	9.3	8.4	7.9
27	GRANT	2,810	100	2,910	3.4	3.8	2.6
28	GREER	2,930	110	3,040	3.6	3.3	3.9
29	HARMON	1,600	90	1,690	5.3	5.8	6.6
30	HARPER	2,270	70	2,340	3.0	4.8	3.5
31	HASKELL	3,880	520	4,400	11.8	12.2	11.1
32	HUGHES	4,530	710	5,240	13.5	15.1	12.9
33	JACKSON	10,540	640	11,180	5.7	5.6	5.2
34	JEFFERSON	3,530	220	3,750	5.9	6.5	6.0
35	JOHNSTON	3,750	300	4,050	7.4	6.8	5.7
36	KAY	24,525	1,300	25,825	5.0	5.1	5.4
37	KINGFISHER	6,400	320	6,720	4.8	4.4	5.7
38	KIOWA	5,040	230	5,270	4.4	4.8	4.1
39	LATIMER	4,380	370	4,750	7.8	8.7	7.9
40	LEFLORE	18,640	1,490	20,130	7.4	7.8	5.6
41	LINCOLN	11,240	940	12,180	7.7	8.1	8.0
42	LOGAN	13,130	580	13,710	4.2	4.4	3.6
43	LOVE	3,860	200	4,060	4.9	5.2	4.3
44	McCLAIN	10,500	610	11,110	5.5	5.5	5.5
45	McCURTAIN	14,300	1,130	15,430	7.3	7.4	7.7

	COUNTIES	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	NOV 88	OCT 88	NOV 87
46	McINTOSH	6,700	330	7,030	4.7	3.8	5.2
47	MAJOR	3,510	210	3,720	5.6	6.2	7.8
48	MARSHALL	4,160	310	4,470	6.9	6.8	5.8
49	MAYES	13,110	1,180	14,290	8.3	7.8	6.7
50	MURRAY	5,510	450	5,960	7.6	7.1	7.5
51	MUSKOGEE	28,700	2,675	31,375	8.5	8.5	8.6
52	NOBLE	4,740	240	4,980	4.8	4.1	5.5
53	NOWATA	3,940	360	4,300	8.4	8.7	7.8
54	OKFUSKEE	5,380	430	5,810	7.4	7.1	7.4
55	OKLAHOMA	305,200	15,825	321,025	4.9	5.4	5.3
56	OKMULGEE	13,600	1,500	15,100	9.9	9.7	9.1
57	OSAGE	15,800	975	16,775	5.8	6.6	5.1
58	OTTAWA	11,075	1,050	12,125	8.7	9.1	9.4
59	PAWNEE	7,070	600	7,670	7.8	8.2	8.1
60	PAYNE	30,500	1,225	31,725	3.9	4.4	4.0
61	PITTSBURG	15,925	1,750	17,675	9.9	10.7	10.9
62	PONTOTOC	16,440	1,080	17,520	6.2	5.7	5.9
63	POTTAWATOMIE	24,950	1,525	26,475	5.8	6.0	6.2
64	PUSHMATAHA	4,500	300	4,800	6.3	7.9	7.7
65	ROGER MILLS	2,040	130	2,170	6.0	5.7	5.0
66	ROGERS	22,150	1,930	24,080	8.0	9.4	8.0
67	SEMINOLE	9,050	980	10,030	9.8	11.3	9.6
68	SEQUOYAH	16,040	1,270	17,310	7.3	6.5	4.8
69	STEPHENS	16,270	1,240	17,510	7.1	7.5	8.3
70	TEXAS	8,140	410	8,550	4.8	4.7	4.2
71	TILLMAN	4,600	350	4,950	7.1	5.3	5.2
72	TULSA	231,800	15,875	247,675	6.4	6.5	7.5
73	WAGONER	18,940	1,270	20,210	6.3	6.2	7.1
74	WASHINGTON	22,800	1,200	24,000	5.0	4.9	5.0
75	WASHITA	5,130	340	5,470	6.2	7.2	6.1
76	WOODS	5,520	150	5,670	2.6	2.9	4.1
77	WOODWARD	8,400	820	9,220	8.9	8.8	6.8
	OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	466,400	24,300	490,700	5.0	5.4	5.3
	TULSA MSA	314,700	22,000	336,700	6.5	6.8	7.5

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

A	-NORTHWEST	34,200	1,900	36,100	5.3
B	-SOUTHWEST	47,700	2,800	50,500	5.5
C	-NORTH CENTRAL	78,600	4,000	82,600	4.8
D	-SOUTH CENTRAL	111,600	7,900	119,500	6.6
E	-CENTRAL	362,800	18,500	381,300	4.9
F	-TULSA	273,600	18,800	292,400	6.4
G	-EAST CENTRAL	92,700	6,400	99,100	6.5
H	-SOUTHERN	88,000	6,200	94,200	6.6
I	-NORTHEAST	90,500	6,800	97,300	7.0
J	-EASTERN	106,600	8,600	115,200	7.5
K	-SOUTHEAST	66,400	6,000	72,400	8.3
L	-CLEVELAND	68,200	3,700	71,900	5.1

OKLAHOMA CITY
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	400.8	400.6	403.8	0.2	-3.0
MANUFACTURING	48.3	47.9	47.0	0.4	1.3
DURABLE GOODS	33.1	32.9	32.1	0.2	1.0
Primary & Fabricated Metals	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.1
Fab.Struc.Metal Products	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1
Machinery	14.0	13.9	13.6	0.1	0.4
Mach. Except Electric	11.0	10.9	10.7	0.1	0.3
Electric & Electronic Equip.	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	10.3	10.3	10.0	0.0	0.3
NON-DURABLE GOODS	15.2	15.0	14.9	0.2	0.3
Food and Kindred Products	5.4	5.3	5.1	0.1	0.3
Printing & Publishing	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
MINING	10.2	10.2	11.2	0.0	-1.0
CONSTRUCTION	11.8	12.4	12.9	-0.6	-1.1
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	19.2	19.4	19.3	-0.2	-0.1
Transportation	9.6	9.8	9.3	-0.2	0.3
Comm. & Public Utilities	9.6	9.6	10.0	0.0	-0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	99.7	99.4	101.4	0.3	-1.7
Wholesale Trade	22.0	22.1	22.6	-0.1	-0.6
Retail Trade	77.7	77.3	78.8	0.4	-1.1
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	23.5	23.5	24.4	0.0	-0.9
Banking	5.4	5.5	5.7	-0.1	-0.3
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Insurance Carriers	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	90.5	90.5	90.6	0.0	-0.1
Health Services	26.2	26.0	25.8	0.2	0.4
Hospitals	11.7	11.6	11.6	0.1	0.1
Educational Services	4.7	4.5	4.7	0.2	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	97.6	97.3	97.0	0.3	0.6
Total Federal Government	29.0	28.9	29.7	0.1	-0.7
Total State/Local Gover.	68.6	68.4	67.3	0.2	1.3
Total State Government	34.4	33.7	33.5	0.7	0.9
Total Local Government	34.2	34.7	33.8	-0.5	0.4

p = preliminary
r = revised

OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA

(Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties)

The 5.0 percent unemployment rate estimated in November for the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area is the lowest rate posted so far in 1988. At the same time, the total number of unemployed has not been this low since October, 1982.

The positive trend of the unemployment statistics was dampened somewhat by the labor force and employment totals. Although these figures improved in the October-November estimating period, they have still not recovered to their November 1987 levels. Since last November, total labor force has fallen 2.6 percent and employment has slipped 2.3 percent.

The payroll employment estimated for Oklahoma City, based on the employer survey, showed little overall change in November. However, there were a few notable changes at the industry level.

Manufacturing pushed 400 higher with the increase spread evenly between the durable and nondurable sectors, also on the plus side, trade rose 300 from the October level as normal seasonal employment swings were in evidence in the dominant retail sector. Government also moved up by 300.

Some of the monthly gain was offset by the 600 job erosion in the construction industry. Only minor changes occurred in the other major industry components.

Since last November, nonfarm wage and salary jobs are off some 3,000. And, while not a positive picture, this absolute year-to-year decline has been shrinking during the past several months. Basically, the same major industry divisions continue to exhibit both job growth and decline as has been prevalent all year. The only change has been slight shifts in the order and the magnitude.

All manufacturing production workers, currently estimated at 35,199, averaged $518.40 per week in November, up 1.6 percent from October and almost $59.00 per week higher than last November. This month, the average workweek was extended by seven-tenths hours while the wage rate held steady.

Over the year, durables gained $88.00 as wage rates rose 87 cents and the workweek was 10.0 percent longer. Nondurables lost $15.00 per week due to a shorter work period and a 1.4 percent drop in average hourly wage rates.

OKLAHOMA CITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	490,700	489,700	503,900	1,000	-13,200
Unemployment	24,300	26,400	26,600	-2,100	-2,300
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.4	5.3	XX.XX	XX.XX
Employment	466,400	463,300	477,300	3,100	-10,900

OKLAHOMA CITY
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	518.40	510.08	459.61	43.6	42.9	41.0	11.89	11.89	11.21
Durable Goods	569.74	556.74	482.00	44.2	43.7	40.1	12.89	12.74	12.02
Prim. & Fab. Metals	403.65	411.76	420.87	44.9	45.7	46.3	8.99	9.01	9.09
Machinery	554.20	525.16	478.72	42.5	40.9	38.7	13.04	12.84	12.37
Nondurable Goods	385.22	388.01	400.90	42.1	40.8	43.2	9.15	9.51	9.28
Food & Kindred Products	336.30	338.77	346.40	47.5	43.6	45.4	7.08	7.77	7.63
Printing & Pub.	385.57	388.88	412.57	38.1	37.5	39.9	10.12	10.37	10.34

p = preliminary
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TULSA
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 198/r	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	291.6	291.9	289.0	-0.3	2.6
MANUFACTURING	48.9	48.7	47.4	0.2	1.5
DURABLE GOODS	37.8	37.5	36.1	0.3	1.7
Stone,Clay & Glass Products	3.9	3.7	3.6	0.2	0.3
Primary & Fabricated Metals	10.9	10.9	10.3	0.0	0.6
Primary Metal Industries	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	9.0	9.0	8.5	0.0	0.5
Fab. Struc.Metal Products	4.6	4.6	4.3	0.0	0.3
Machinery	12.9	12.8	12.5	0.1	0.4
Mach.Except Electric	9.7	9.6	9.3	0.1	0.4
Const.& Related Machinery	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.1
Electric & Electronic Equip.	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
NON-DURABLE GOODS	11.1	11.2	11.3	-0.1	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	2.0	2.1	1.9	-0.1	0.1
MINING	15.0	14.9	15.4	0.1	-0.4
CONSTRUCTION	9.3	9.4	9.6	-0.1	-0.3
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	23.8	23.7	23.3	0.1	0.5
Transportation	15.9	15.8	15.3	0.1	0.6
Comm.& Public Utilities	7.9	7.9	8.0	0.0	-0.1
TRADE	69.3	69.0	70.6	0.3	-1.3
Wholesale Trade	17.4	17.5	17.4	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	51.9	51.5	53.2	0.4	-1.3
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	17.2	17.2	17.5	0.0	-0.3
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	-0.3
SERVICES	72.8	72.3	70.5	0.5	2.3
Health Services	22.9	22.7	22.5	0.2	0.4
Hospitals	11.9	11.7	12.0	0.2	-0.1
Educational Services	4.7	4.8	4.9	-0.1	-0.2
GOVERNMENT	35.3	36.7	34.7	-1.4	0.6
Federal	4.1	4.0	4.1	0.1	0.0
State	5.9	5.9	4.7	0.0	1.2
Local	25.3	26.8	25.9	-1.5	-0.6

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TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA

(Tulsa, Creek, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties)

The November unemployment rate for the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area was 6.5 percent. This was a decline of .3 percent from the revised October estimate and a full percentage point drop from the rate for November, 1987. Unemployment decreased by 1,000 for the month and 3,600 over the year.

Total employment declined by 700 for the month and was 2,800 lower than a year ago. Total labor force shrank 1.9 percent over the year. The primary factor in the reduction in the unemployment rate was the 14.1 percent decrease in unemployed over the year.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment in the Tulsa MSA was placed at 291,600 for November. This was a 300 drop from the revised October total. Five of eight major industries had employment gains for the month, ranging from 100 to 500 jobs each and totaling 1,200 jobs overall. The construction industry slumped 100 jobs lower, but the 1,500 employment decline for local government was the dominant factor leading to the 300 net jobs loss during the month. Temporary state fair employment and summer jobs program terminations accounted for this large reduction in local government for the month.

Non-farm wage and salary employment has grown by 2,600 since November, 1987. Largest gains occurred in services (up 2,300) and manufacturing (up 1,500). Temporary business services and medical services experienced most of the service industry growth. Notable year-to-year employment reductions prevailed in the retail trade sector. Responsibility for this 1,300 annual loss was shared by retail food, eating and drinking establishments, and automotive dealers and service station sectors.

November's average weekly earnings for the 31,800 manufacturing production workers in the Tulsa MSA was $432.26, an increase of slightly more than one dollar over the revised October estimate. Average hourly earnings did not change over the month, while average weekly hours increased by one-tenth. Durable goods workers average earnings changed very little also, as a slight increase in average weekly hours nearly equalled the effect of a four-cent reduction in average hourly earnings. Non-durable goods workers average weekly paychecks for November were nearly five dollars higher due to a slight increase in their average workweek and a ten cent rise in their average hourly earnings. The year-to-year comparison shows average weekly earnings down slightly due primarily to lower average hourly earnings.

TULSA
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	336,700	338,400	343,100	-1,700	-6,400
Unemployment	22,000	23,000	25,600	-1,000	-3,600
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.8	7.5	XXX	XXX
Employment	314,700	315,400	317,500	- 700	-2,800

TULSA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	453.26	452.19	455.94	42.4	42.3	42.1	10.69	10.69	10.83
Durable goods	472.76	473.37	476.69	42.9	42.8	42.6	11.02	11.06	11.19
Prim & Fab. Metals	451.20	442.38	423.20	45.9	45.7	43.9	9.83	9.68	9.64
Machinery	427.38	420.86	411.87	41.9	41.1	40.3	10.20	10.24	10.22
Non-Durable Goods	363.71	358.80	365.88	40.1	40.0	39.9	9.07	8.97	9.17
Printing & Pub	415.09	430.44	420.02	40.3	40.8	41.3	10.30	10.55	10.17

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ENID METROPOLITAN AREA

(Garfield County)

In November the unemployment rate for the Enid Metropolitan Statistical Area dropped to 4.9 percent, the lowest rate among the four Oklahoma MSAs. Total employment grew by 100 from the revised October figure, while unemployment nosed down 125.

Comparison with November 1987 shows an employment drop of 900 and 325 fewer unemployed for the current year. The annual change in the total labor force amounts to a four-percent decline.

Non-farm wage and salary employment in the Enid area increased 200 over the month to total 21,600 in November. Gains of 100 employees each in the business services and education services sectors were responsible for this increase. An increase of 100 retail jobs was offset by a like number of wholesale jobs lost in the trade industry. The latest wage and salary employment total was 100 less than that for November, 1987. Industries having employment gains over the year were services (up 300) and transportation (up 200). Gains were more than offset by a 300 drop in the trade industry and reductions of 100 employees each in manufacturing, mining, and government.

ENID
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
ITEM	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	28,775	28,800	30,000	25	-1,225
Unemployment	1,400	1,525	1,725	-125	- 325
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.3	5.8	XXX	XXX
Employment	27,375	27,275	28,275	100	- 900

ENID
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
Industry	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	21.6	21.4	21.7	0.2	-0.1
MANUFACTURING	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	-0.1
DURABLE GOODS	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	-0.1
NON-DURABLE GOODS	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-0.1
CONSTRUCTION	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.0	0.0	0.2
TRADE	6.0	6.0	6.3	0.0	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	1.3	1.4	1.4	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	4.7	4.6	4.9	0.1	-0.2
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	5.8	5.6	5.5	0.2	0.3
GOVERNMENT	3.5	3.5	3.6	0.0	-0.1
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
State	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Local	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0

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LAWTON METROPOLITAN AREA

(Comanche County)

Total employment in the Lawton MSA, based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics latest household survey, rose 425 in November and now stands 1,500 below the November 1987 total. With the labor force growth and a smaller number of unemployed, the jobless rate fell to 5.5 percent from the revised October rate of 5.9 percent. The unemployment level is estimated currently to be 14.0 percent higher than the same time last year.

The 1.5 percent rise in nonfarm wage and salary employment brought the estimated level to 33,300 in November. Seasonal increases in the retail trade industry, as well as additional hiring by local government and construction were responsible for the overall nonagricultural job growth. All of the remaining major industry divisions were unchanged over the month.

On a yearly comparison basis, job growth in manufacturing and construction were not of sufficient magnitude to balance out job losses in the other industries; therefore, total nonagricultural employment measured 400 lower than last November.

LAWTON
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
ITEM	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	48,400	48,150	49,575	250	-1,175
Unemployment	2,650	2,825	2,325	-175	325
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.9	4.7	XXX	XXX
Employment	45,750	45,325	47,250	425	-1,500

LAWTON
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
Industry	NOV 1988p	OCT 1988r	NOV 1987r	OCT 88 NOV 88	NOV 87 NOV 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	33.3	32.8	33.7	0.5	-0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.0	0.3
DURABLE GOOD	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
TRADE	8.7	8.4	8.7	0.3	0.0
Wholesale Trade	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	7.7	7.4	7.6	0.3	0.1
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	5.6	5.6	5.8	0.0	-0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.2	11.9	0.1	-0.6
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.7	0.0	-0.6
State	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.0	0.2
Local	4.8	4.7	5.0	0.1	-0.2

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